

JURY IS CHOSEN IN 20 MINUTES TO TRY COURT CASE FOR MURDER

Trial of Sleighride Killing Case to Be Quick Under Jersey Law—Robbery Was Motive, Says Prosecutor—Defense Outlined.

(Special to The Evening World.)
SOMERVILLE, N. J., May 15.—The trial of George H. Wood, charged with the murder of Grocer George Williams, of Watchung, during a lonely sleigh ride over the mountains last February, began to-day. It took only twenty minutes to select the jury.

When Supreme Court Justice Garretson took his seat to hear the most remarkable murder in the history of New Jersey the little court-house was crowded and there was an overflow of several hundred.

The defense will set up the novel idea of a dual personality and will call experts to prove that on Feb. 2 when Wood set out in the sleigh driven by Williams he was a "Mr. Hyde" instead of the "Dr. Jekyll" known to his friends, and in support of this theory will call many famous alienists.

The defense will go over all the facts in the case subsequent to the murder and after Wood's arrest, when he appeared dazed and declared he had lost his memory for a whole week and did not recollect having been in Plainfield or having taken the sleighride with Williams. This young prisoner—who is twenty-three years old, but looks about eighteen—was hypnotized in an effort to make him confess to the crime, but there was the same evidence of possible amnesia that characterized his appearance in the police court. He could remember nothing that happened on Feb. 2 last.

Jury Secured Quickly.

As soon as Justice Garretson took his seat the prisoner was brought in. Justice L. H. Schenck sat on the bench with Justice Garretson, directing lawyers and court attendants in the case. They have a queer way of drawing a jury in Jersey when a human life is at stake. The clerk called out the names of the jurors, look up the prisoner. Prisoner, look up the juror. Is there a challenge? If neither side challenges the juror he takes his seat. No questions are asked as to whether or not he has formed an opinion before he is sworn to capital punishment. The first five jurors were had in as many minutes.

These came some challenges, but it took less than twenty minutes to get the jury box filled.

Less than an hour after Justice Garretson took his seat the great Prosecutor Rogers was making his opening address, reciting the history of the crime. Following is a list of the jurors: Joseph H. Van Cleave, Charles F. Duffield, William H. Polhemus, Frank P. Van Dorn, Thomas Moore, Joseph Ziegler, Edward L. Voorhees, George Crater, William H. W. Brokaw, Essex A. Yaez and J. Dendall Smith.

Getting down to the motive for the crime, the prosecutor in his talk to-day said that this man committed the murder while he was in dire straits and needed money. He was two months behind on his rent and his wages had been cut. The murder was to cash a check for \$40. The greater could not cash the check that night. On the following day Mrs. Wood, his wife, presented the check and it was cashed.

"We will show you that the check was originally made out to Wood's order and that he cashed it at the bank. We will show you that he received a check for \$40 from an iron firm, but the amount was wrong when Wood cashed it. He had lost the iron work in the fourth street school and was short in the payment of money. The check which will help prove the motive for the murder."

At Mr. Rogers finished Mrs. Williams, the murdered man's widow, took her seat by the prosecutor, about ten feet from and facing the jury box. Mrs. Wood came into court as the first witness was called. She sat by her husband and laid her hand on the opposite side of the table at which Mrs. Williams sat. Mrs. Wood wore a hat trimmed with bright red roses and green leaves, and she looks even younger than her husband.

How Body Was Found.

The first witness was Joshua A. Dougherty, a surveyor, who made the map of the scene of the murder. The nearest house, the surveyor said, was the Miller homestead, 1,100 feet away from where the sleigh and the body were found.

Dougherty was followed on the stand by Eugene Ponce, who found the horse and sleigh and Williams's body.

"When I found the body in the sleigh," he said, "the road seemed not to have been disturbed. Williams's head was lying on the back of the sleigh and his mouth was open. I straightened up the body. I thought he had fainted. When I found he was dead I called Mr. Miller and we went back to the sleigh. We called Mr. Kline then and we discovered footprints, showing that someone had jumped out of the sleigh and we followed the tracks. We went to Warrenville and then scoured the country for the murderer."

STEAMER ASHORE ON FLORIDA COAST.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 15.—The American tramp steamer David went ashore to-day near Miami. Tuss have been sent to her relief. The David is heavily loaded and is reported in a perilous condition.

WILLIE'S CONFESSION.

Little Willie Wiseman
Was a very noble boy;
His father and his mother
Watched his progress with great joy.
They marvelled at the faculty
To find work their son had;
But, being honest, Willie said:
"World Help Wants did it, Dad."

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Sunday World Help Wants
YESTERDAY.
READ THEM TO-DAY.

OUT OF WORK, HE KILLED HIMSELF

August Barthing, twenty-seven years old, committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas at his home, at No. 16 Paterson street, Jersey City. He had been out of work and in poor health. He was a clerk by occupation.

FIANCEE NOT TO ATTEND THE CROKER BURIAL

Miss Horton Prefers to "Remember Herbert" as She Last Saw Him Alive.

No attempt will be made by Miss Jeanette Horton to attend the funeral of Herbert Croker, who, she says, was to have married her in two weeks if he had not died on his way to Oldenham. She came to this decision to-day when she learned that the Croker family would hold a private funeral and keep the time secret.

"I shall not go where I am not wanted," she declared. "I know I would not be welcome. It is my desire to drop out of sight in this case altogether."

"When I first heard of Herbert's death I thought I would like to see him again before he was taken away from me, but after consideration has made me believe it would be best for me to remember him as I saw him last, the night before he went away. It was then that our marriage was agreed upon and a time was tentatively set."

Richard Croker, Jr., is on his way East with the body of his brother. Arrangements for the funeral have been completed, but are being kept secret.

The family has received word from Richard Croker and he will not attend the funeral. The charge of opium eating or smoking is denied emphatically by the mother and sisters, who are of the opinion that death was due to heart disease. In regard to the Miss McCurdy affair, the family assumes the same attitude as with Miss Horton.

The authorized statement of the Croker family, says:

"The Croker family does not recognize Miss Jeanette Neal Horton as the fiancée of Herbert Croker. We do not know Miss Horton, or has Mrs. Croker or any of her daughters ever met the young woman."

"There was never any objection made by Mrs. Richard Croker to the engagement of Herbert and Miss Horton for the excellent reason that Mrs. Croker never was aware that Herbert either knew or was engaged to Miss Horton."

The family has no knowledge that Herbert Croker was engaged at any time to a Miss McCurdy."

RUSSIANS TIE UP SHIPYARDS AND WAVERED FLAG

Big Force Marches Out in a Body Singing Revolutionary Songs.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 15.—St. P. M.—There was a serious disturbance this afternoon at the Newski shipyard, on the left bank of the Neva, above St. Petersburg, and the Chevalier Guards left their barracks, on Horse Guard Boulevard, at a gallop, for the scene of the trouble.

The men at the shipyard walked out in a body, carrying red flags and singing revolutionary songs.

The presence of the Chevalier Guards was unnecessary and they returned to their barracks, a detachment of Cossacks having broken up the demonstration and dispersed the workmen without difficulty.

Some American submarine boats are being constructed at the Newski shipyard.

The Russian May Day having passed without general disorders the authorities breathed easier and were inclined to regard the danger of a really serious interior crisis this spring as over. The shipyard strike, however, had created a change of mind, and the Cossacks and police are again acting.

The only place where acute disorder was reported yesterday was Kishineff, and that was in no sense attributable to the Revolution.

Apparently a crowd of soldiers only dug out of hand, pillaged shops and even Government buildings and created a reign of terror among the inhabitants until surrounded and arrested by their comrades.

BOHEMIAN—110 pounds up, and Mark

TRIAL GALLOPS ON TWO TRACKS

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longer in 1.36, breeding. P. Wimmer, 0.57, galloping. J. Rowe, trainer.

ARABO—110 pounds up, seven furlongs in 1.12-1.2, 0.25, 0.37-1.2, 0.50, 1.03-1.2, 1.17, 1.32, driving. Tried from going so fast the first day. J. Rowe, trainer.

THE GADGET—110 pounds up, six furlongs in 1.12-1.2, 0.25, 0.37-1.2, 0.50-1.2, 1.03-1.2, 1.17, 1.32, driving. Can run in the muddy going. J. Rowe, trainer.

TOOTHIE MACH—105 pounds up, four furlongs, 0.13, 0.27, 0.41, 0.55, breeding. Bud Mac, trainer.

DON ROYAL—105 pounds up, and KNIGHT OF PEARL, 115 pounds up, seven furlongs, 0.13, 0.27, 0.41, 0.55, 0.68, 1.04, 1.15, 1.32, galloping. Could certainly go fast the first part. S. Bowler, trainer.

DELMORE—115 pounds up, a half mile in 0.13, 0.27, 0.40, 0.53, easily. A new collier to Sheephead Bay, six furlongs, 0.13, 0.27, 0.40, 0.53, 1.07, 1.20, handling. J. H. McCormick, trainer.

JIM NEWMA—110 pounds up, one and one-eighth miles, 0.13, 0.25, 0.38, 0.53, 1.06, 1.20, 1.34, 1.48, 2.08, very easily. C. Kiernan, trainer.

IVANHOE—110 pounds up, six furlongs, 0.11, 0.25, 0.37, 0.41, 0.54, 1.08, 1.22, breeding. J. H. McCormick, trainer.

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